

A coastal scene at low tide. In the foreground, three people (two adults and a child) are walking away from the viewer on a sandy beach. The middle ground shows shallow water with dark rocks and a shimmering reflection of the sun. In the background, a lighthouse is visible on a distant shore under a clear sky.

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Bill Breakspear - just saying

Life is becoming very difficult for us senior citizens: what with the BBC renegading on its deal with the government to fund free TV licences for the over 75's and now Marks & Spencer stopping the automatic free little shortbread biscuit with a cup of coffee, (apparently you now have to ask for it), what else is around the corner? Will free prescriptions and bus passes be next for the

chop? And what about the winter fuel allowance, that too must be in the frame. Now it is being suggested that all drivers aged 70 years and over should resit a driving test every three years in order to renew their licence, what will be next? I have nightmares thinking about it.

Perhaps due to the cost of healthcare provision with an increasingly ageing population, the government will make it mandatory for all 80+ year olds to have an MOT, and I dread to think what a failure would mean!

I am always suspicious of unsolicited emails or letters, so I was curious about a letter I received through the post, addressed to 'Sherborne St John Neighbour' inviting me to join a free private online network called Next-door. It seemed to come from a resident in Sherborne St John but there was no phone number, email address or complete correspondence address, simply a road name. The letter boasts that there are already over 800 posts on Next-door Sherborne St John site, including posts about crime and safety issues in the neighbourhood. Now I am not in anyway saying that this site is 'dodgy' but the letter provides a written code to join the site and says that the code will expire in 7 days. It all seems a little bit too vague and pressurised for me, and I wonder how many identical letters were sent to villagers. I stand by my motto, if in doubt, don't.

The summer months that are drawing to a close have been a time for tennis, cricket, strawberries and cream, picnics, and visits to the beach but it is also the time when vast expanses of human flesh, both male and female, can be seen on public display, quite often covered in tattoos. Sometimes it is not the odd small discreet tattoo but a vast array of tattoos spread over the body, which can be seen, due to people wearing the minimum of clothing during the hot weather. Some people consider 'inking' (tattoos), as an 'art form' and I suppose it just confirms the old adage that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder' - it's very much a subjective issue.

Jumble Sale

Sherborne St John Village Hall

12th October, doors open at 2pm
with donations to sell welcome from 12pm

All money raised will go to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides,
who meet regularly in the village.

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Future Events

October 2019

1	Women's Fellowship, Beyond Machu Picchu, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
4	Royal British Legion Dinner, Tickets £27 Open to all. zen167364@zen.co.uk	7pm
5	Basingstoke Variety Show , The Anvil, Basingstoke 01256 844244	
7	Pelican Film Society, Fisherman's Friend, The Ark , Guest Welcome £6	7.30pm
5 - 31	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition at The Sainsbury Gallery, The Willis Museum, Free Entry	10.00am – 5.00pm
12	Harvest Supper & Quiz, SSJ Village Hall, EVERYONE WELCOME, £5 including supper	7.00pm
14	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.30am
21	B/S Horticultural Society, Canada, Alaska & the Butchart Gardens, J Carter, Kempshott VH,	7.30pm
28	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.30am
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

November 2019

1 - 9	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition at The Sainsbury Gallery, The Willis Museum, Free entry	10.00am – 5.00pm
4	Pelican Film Society, Leave No Trace, The Ark , Guest Welcome £6	7.30pm
5	Women's Fellowship, Five Generations of the British Raj, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am–3.00pm
11	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.30am
11	Royal British Legion, 11.11.11 service at SSJ War Memorial	10.45am
18	B/S Horticultural Society, AGM followed by Cheese & Wine, Kempshott VH, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
25	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.30am

December 2019

3	Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch	
8	Tadley Singers Christmas Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	3.30pm
9	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.30am
9	B/S Horticultural Society, Members Christmas Party, Kempshott VH, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
9	Pelican Film Society + Christmas Meal, Funny Cow, The Ark , Guest Welcome £6+	6.00pm

On the buses...

I've been contacted by a number of residents about the new timetables effective from today. In summary I am pleased to say that the Service 2 has been retained and still offers very regular buses from the stops at Dixon's Corner on the A340 main road.

The Service 22 will now have two round trips on Monday to Friday, leaving Sherborne St John at 1008 and returning from the Bus Station at 1215 to offer just under 2 hours in Basingstoke.

Service 622 will continue to serve Sherborne St John on it's journey from Tadley to Queen Mary College, and will extend to Bishop Challoner School. An extra bus will leave Bishop Challoner at 3:45pm and return to Sherborne St John, Tadley and Baughurst.

The reason for the changes primarily are to reflect the changes in passenger numbers and support the services which are well used. I know that buses can be a lifeline for some local residents however and include the below information for residents of Sherborne St John and across the Borough.

Basingstoke Dial-A-Ride is a pre-bookable door to door mini-bus service on which production of the concessionary fare pass allows a 25% discount off the normal fare. They can be contacted on 01256 462101 or 01256 574401 but you need to first register with Dial a Ride before you can begin using the service. You can register here: <https://www.cfir.org.uk/transport/individuals/call-and-go-and-dial-a-ride/dial-a-ride-basingstoke/>

Basingstoke Community Transport 01256 320501 <http://www.bct.me.uk/> are also able to help with door to door transport and they operate the 58 service which is scheduled every Friday to run from Sherborne St John to Tesco and Lidl at Chineham and will call at the hospital if requested to do so. The concessionary fare pass is accepted in full on this service.

If you have an issue or concern you can contact me at Cllr.tristan.robinson@basingstoke.gov.uk

Cllr Tristan W Robinson

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	Tadley Library	0300 555 1387
DIAL-A-RIDE	Monday-Friday 8.30-12.00 am and 2.00-4.15 pm	01256 462101



Services for October

06 Oct

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

13 Oct

10am Morning Service (Harvest), Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

10am Morning Service (Harvest) All Saints

20 Oct

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

27 Oct

10am Family Service St Andrew's

10am Morning Service The Priory

03 Nov

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

06 Oct	Separated from Lot	Genesis 13:3-18	Richard Brand, Archdeacon
13 Oct	Victory over Kings	Genesis 14:1-24	Warren Trask & Andy Spence
20 Oct	Covenant and offspring	Genesis 15:1-21	Steve Howe
27 Oct	Hagar & Ishmael	Genesis 16:1-16	Warren Trask & Andy Spence
03 Nov	Covenant to Bless Nations	Genesis 17:1-27	TBA

MIDWEEK

Home Groups, including Mum's bible study group meet in the weeks of Monday 7th & 21st October.

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St Bede, Popley at the following times: 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Wednesday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Thursday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Friday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Saturday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *

* Time & Venue could vary

St Andrew's Sherborne St John

All Saints Monk Sherborne

The Priory Pamber End

We are a nation that loves quizzes.

A quick glance at the television schedules shows that there are a plethora of such shows on every day. Apparently they are amongst the most watched programmes on television. I was surprised to learn that the quiz show has been a feature of the television schedules from the start. The first one was called Spelling Bee and was first broadcast by the BBC in May 1938.

Another example is that one of the most popular board games ever produced is the general knowledge quiz game, Trivial Pursuit. As of 2014, it is estimated that more than 100 million games had been sold in 26 countries and 17 languages.

In addition, many pubs, clubs and organisations run regular quiz nights to bring in trade, to raise funds, or simply to enjoy a good time together.

On Saturday 12th October the church is holding a Harvest Supper and Quiz evening (see the advert inside the magazine for more information). The Harvest Supper and the following morning's Harvest Service at St Andrews and All Saints is a time to celebrate the bringing in of the harvest and God's good provision and blessings.

I am delighted that I will be devising and asking the questions for the quiz. I think the appeal of quizzes is that we like to pit our wits and knowledge against others. It is that mix of competition, camaraderie between individuals or teams and (hopefully) good fun that appeals. I've been running quizzes for around 40 years for all sorts of organisations and in all sorts of settings and I love doing it. I've particularly enjoyed some of the answers I've encountered. I well remember the team who thought that the Faroe Islands belonged to Egypt and not Denmark. Also when asked 'who was the brother of Sherlock Holmes', one team memorably came up with Barratt Homes. (It's actually Mycroft)

Clearly a most important part of setting a quiz is to make sure that I have the right answer. Over the years this task has become much easier due to the advent of the internet. I am able to

check two or three sources to make sure I have the right answer. If I can't be sure as to the reliability of those answers I abandon the question altogether.

When I was first became interested in the Christian faith I had so many questions and one of the first things I did was to read Mark's gospel. I chose it because I had learned that it was the first account of Jesus life to be written (around 60-65AD). Jesus died around AD30. Mark must have written this account well within the lifetime of those who lived through the events he describes, so many of Mark's readers would have been able to spot any fabrications or inconsistencies. There would have been many hostile eyewitnesses who would have been keen to discredit him. So he had to make it trustworthy.

But I wanted to know what physical, historical evidence we have as to these writings. How reliable are they? Well, there are no originals of the bible documents, just as there are very few originals of other ancient documents but there are many copies dating back many hundreds of years. For example, and to give us a starting point to measure against, Caesar's Gallic War took place in 58 - 50 BC. There are 10 known copies of the documents which

describe this event, the oldest dating back to AD850 - that is some 875 years after the event.

Another example is the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus. His 'Histories and Annals' were written in AD 98 - 108. We have just 2 copies dating back to AD 850 - that is some 750 years after the originals.

The New Testament was written between AD 40 and 100. There are an astonishing 14,000 ancient copies in existence today, the oldest dating back to AD 350 - just 310 years after the originals. I also discovered that other historians of around that time (including Tacitus mentioned above, the Jewish historian Josephus, and the Samaritan historian Thallus) mention Jesus Christ in some detail. I learnt all of this on a course which my local church was running. They welcomed all of my questions and helped me to make up my own mind without any pressure.

We will be running one of these courses called Christianity Explored in the autumn. The course will be held on Thursday evenings each week for six weeks beginning on Thursday 31st October. For more information contact me at steve.g.howe@gmail.com.

Steve Howe



Sherbornes with Pamber Church

Invites everyone to a

**Harvest Supper and
Quiz Evening**

Where: SSJ Village Hall

When: Saturday 12 October from 7.00 pm

Price: £5 per person - Price includes supper

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Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

I've had a busy summer away singing with choirs and holidaying but, sadly, it has gone and the cooler days and chilly mornings are looming. I don't look forward to this type of weather. I love the sun and warmth.

Whilst a number of plants have flourished in the dry sunny summer some are looking decidedly sorry for themselves. So many pyracanthas seem to have been dying off over the last year, plants that are very well established and should be more resilient. However, Pamber Forest has remained dry and accessible throughout the year and been a pleasure to use.

On August Bank Holiday weekend, the inaugural 5 kilometre War Horse Walk took place through Pamber Forest with over 90 walkers participating. It was a very pleasant, sunny day starting from both of the memorials installed at the Beacon and The Plough Inn, Little London. Life in the forest could be studied at 10 information points along the way. It's hoped this will become an annual event. All money raised from entrance fees and donations, so far £1,028, will go to the War Horse Memorial fund to help animals in need.

Local choirs are just starting back after their summer break and planning is ongoing for concerts and new repertoire. Traditionally, this time of year is always very busy so, hopefully, lots of news for you next month. The Tadley Singers

July Concert in aid of the Ark Centre was again a tremendous success raising £1,065. Tadley Singers will continue to support local charities in the coming year and raise amazing amounts.

Parish news includes a number of South Ward planning applications:-
1) Retrospective application on land adjacent to Berry Court Farm to use agricultural land to store touring caravans and motor homes which has been trading, I understand, for over 2 years without planning permission.

Retrospective planning permission was refused in 2018, enforcement action was specified. Responsibility for this has been taken from planners and referred to B&D Development Control Committee who refused the application in the first place.

The Committee have just met and refused it again; 2) Application to further develop Berry Court Business Park to infill countryside between the Business Park and solar panel farm has also gone to the Control Committee who voted to approve it with some limitations on the size of vehicles permitted; 3)

Retrospective application to change use from woodland to residential at Willow Cottage, Little London also went to the Control Committee who refused permission; 4) Application on land adjacent to Berry Court Farm and opposite St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London. Two previous applications have been turned down by planners, the Control Committee and the Secretary of

State. This application is for 4 houses. The Parish Council voted to oppose and it now passes to the planners; 5) Application for a house on adjacent land to Berry Court Farm to lead into New Road, Pamber Green; 6) Application for 2 houses off New Road, Pamber Green in close proximity to 2 Grade 2 listed buildings; 7) Application for a detached property after demolition of agricultural buildings at Pamber Farm, Bramley Road, Little London. Details of all these can be found on BDBC website planning tracker.

Other local news:- Community policing is focusing on burglaries within the Parish following the increasing number of reported incidents of late. Many of these occur in outbuildings so it is important to ensure these are properly secured; Initial reports have also been received of 'boy racers' in Green Lane, Pamber Green travelling in a dangerous manner; St Stephen's Village Hall has received £3,500 for roof improvements and an annual £1,500 maintenance grant; Cllr Tyson now sits on the Pamber Forest Advisory Committee. The annual Forest walk has recently taken place and, hopefully, we will see some detail of this in the coming months; The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 14/10/19, 7.30pm at St Stephen's Village Hall.

Ann Ellis
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PARISH COUNCIL

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays but now the Parish Council is about to recommence their monthly meetings so if you have any issues you wish to raise please come along to the Wednesday evening meeting or e mail me clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Roads

I has arranged to meet representatives to obtain a proposal and cost under the Hampshire County Council Community Initiative Scheme to address the problem of speeding vehicles entering the Village from the Bramley direction on Vyne Road. Once their proposals are received the Parish Council will consider if there are sufficient funds available to carry out the works.

Volunteers are still needed to help in other areas of the village with monitoring traffic speed using our new equipment, so if you have any time to spare, even if it just an occasional hour, please contact Penny Mayo, clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Chute Recreation Ground

The path from the car-park to the Chute Pavilion has now been re-surfaced as

a safety measure with the bushes and large roots removed and the encroaching grass and earth removed. Access to the whole area for pushchairs and wheel chairs is now much better. We have now obtained the necessary 3 quotes to install the extensive new drainage for the Recreation ground so once the Borough Council approves the contractor it is hoped the work will be carried out next May 2020. Any bookings for the Chute should be made with me clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

The Chute finances are still sufficient to ensure that the whole grounds and facilities are maintained to a good standard. Repair work & upgrading of the equipment and area is an ongoing commitment by the Parish Council but it would not be possible without the constant efforts of Terry Buller, the very part-time site Manager. The income from hiring the Pavilion for children's parties etc helps ensure that costs to users is kept as low as possible.

Village Green

We have taken advice on the best indigenous trees to be planted as

replacements and are awaiting confirmation from the National Trust that they are happy with the choice before planting later in the year.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cranes Road Development.

The new owners of the Cranes Road site identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, Antler Homes, are about to start development. The Parish Council will update residents if there are any alterations to the original permission although whether a shop unit will be included is still very uncertain.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Cllrs Robinson and Vaughan for all their help and parish residents, in particular John W Edwards and Ted Wilkinson, for all their considerable help to me and the Community. If there are any matters or problems you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact me at

clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Penny Mayo

Pamber Parish Council

The Council were informed that an Enforcement Officer had visited Pamber Farm after complaints concerning the storage of construction plant and materials.

A parishioner raised a question about bonfires and dogs barking and was referred to the Environmental Officer at BDBC. He further complained about overhanging branches on footpaths and was referred to our County Councillor.

A discussion took place concerning traffic speeds and accidents on the A340 and the meeting was told that the Clerk would be meeting with Highways on 17th September to discuss the issue.

Mr P Hall put two proposals to reform the Council which will become an agenda item at the next meeting.

Planning:

19/02278/PIP - 4 houses on land at Berry Court Farm - objection

19/02420/TWRN - prune branches at 58, Burney Bit - no objection

19/02330/FUL - 2 houses on land O/S ref. 462026 159258 New Road, Little London - apply for an extension to allow Councillors time to consider the application

19/01995/HSE - side and rear extensions at Orchard Cottage, Church Road - no objection

T/00305/19/TPO - prune T1 oak, 1 Romans Gate - comment

Planning Decisions:

T/00293/19/TPO - prune oak at 8 Sandy Lane - granted

18/03729/RES - reserved matters for 11 dwellings on land between Elmdene and Fairhome, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01433/FUL - change of use to residential at Barnsted, Green Lane - granted

19/01508/HSE - extension at 2 Knollys Road - granted

19/01686/HSE - create 2 storey dwelling at Bickley, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01748/HSE - front and side extensions at Bow Brook, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01769/HSE - create ancillary accommodation - granted

T/00224/TPO - crown reduce, remove branches and deadwood at 45 Jubilee Close - refused

The Council approved a grant of £350 to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust towards the cost of running the Pamber Forest project.

Neighbourhood Plan - the Council were updated and agreed that a communication with all residents would be handled by a professional delivery company.

Updates and improvements to the website were discussed and approved.

The Council approved a total of £750 to pay for a landscaping plan, arboricultural method statement and emergency plan for the proposed extension to Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. It is expected that these monies will be recovered from S106 funds held by BDBC.

The installation of the new height installation barrier at the Memorial Hall was noted.

The Council agreed to a request to hold a cross country race in Pamber Forest on 27th October but will write to the organisers asking that sufficient signage is provided to direct competitors to the approved car parking area.

The Council re-visited the issue of dog fouling but are awaiting a response from BDBC.

Reports were received from a Borough Councillor, our County Councillor and Parish Council representatives.

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A Cochlear Implant (It wasn't meant to be this good)

It wasn't meant to be this good. It wasn't meant to be this precise or deliver this kind of sound quality. It wasn't meant to be this sensitive. I am utterly astonished.

A cochlear implant is an electronic device implanted to deliver sound directly to the brain via the nerves in the cochlea. I researched cochlear implant technology extensively, including talking to users. Users describe speech as robotic (never say 'exterminate!' to a user) and it takes months for the brain to relearn and decipher speech. As a music lover and amateur guitarist, auditory disappointment awaits. We had been waiting over a year.

"Are you excited about getting your cochlear implant?" Karen asks with two weeks to go before the big 'op'.
"Not really"

"Why on earth not?"
I need to explain this well.

"I'm going through surgery to get a kind of crude squawk box attached to my head by a magnet, which may help me understand some speech, but only after about six months of trying to decipher the crazy noises it makes. I'm not going to achieve normal hearing and I am prepared for disappointment. No, not excited.

And I need surgery like I need a hole in the head." Karen grins, but understands.

But I am not ungrateful. For a year and a half Karen has put up with my sudden onset of deafness brought about by the 'flu virus. She has suffered the most, while I, often not realising, simply carried on in my own silent little world. Becoming deaf has a plethora of disadvantages, frustrations and costs. I won't go in to them now, but expect to have difficulties with people, relationships and work, lose your social life, hobbies, plans, and aspirations. You are in virtual solitary confinement.

In the words of Pink Floyd's Roger Waters: I have become comfortably numb.

Yes, the 'flu made me deaf. You didn't know that the 'flu can kill your hearing stone dead? Neither does anyone else,

except my GP. No point putting a towel over your head and inhaling a bowl of steaming Vick. Get down to A&E within 48 hours for some steroid tablets and injections in the inner ear. Speed is of the essence; I left it too long, several weeks, and as expected it didn't work. No hearing in the right ear at all, and not much left in the left ear either.

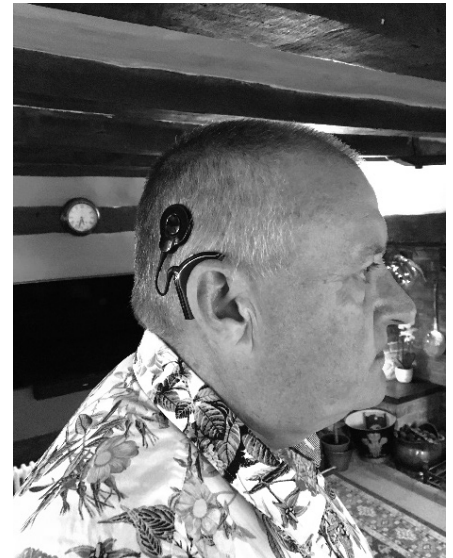
Cut to the chase; the implant surgery has healed, and the big switch-on day arrives. Dr Zoe Foot checks my expectations are realistic. I explain as above. I've done the research. They naturally don't want patients to feel disappointed and I want them to know I'm grateful for any benefit whatsoever, no matter how small. I heard a beep. She was testing the implanted sensors wired through to her PC. Karen struggles with her phone trying to capture my reaction on video. I beamed. But I didn't hear it - it was an apparition of sound in my brain. A sound clear as daylight. I well up when I hear a triangle being played. A chill runs through me. Someone has direct access to my brain through a computer? A worrying thought as I have no control over this. Unlike your eyes, you cannot close your ears. This is science fiction.

The supposed six-month acclimatisation period lasted about four days. No crazy noises and I can hear perfectly. There is no robotic sound. All sounds and speech are perfect in quality. Loud and clear, and so sensitive I can hear clocks ticking from across the room - it is quite astonishing.

I tell Karen I can even hear the man next-door changing his mind!

The team are baffled. They are desperate to know, hungry for information; but I can't explain it to them, why is my experience so different to others? They did some tests - 100% scored in the speech test and a minus score in the speech in noise - meaning I can hear speech when the noise is louder than the speech. No one has scored so well or so soon after switching on.

The next day something odd happened. I was alone in the house. A curious, warm fuzzy feeling envelops my body. A glow inside, triggering endorphins and



adrenaline rushes through my veins. It's coming from my sub-conscious, I feel like I'm walking on air. What is it?

I wander about the house and garden enjoying the mood while analysing, my thoughts, feelings and actions of the last few hours. I've had the cochlear implant unit working well for a few days. It's been fantastic. But what caused this sudden elation, warmth and happiness? After a good while - I'd figured it out. This is the feeling of equality. I have become normal.

Saturday comes and I rush out and buy a Hi Fi. Never have I heard music in such quality and depth, every instrument clear and precise. Pure joy. And no more subtitles on the telly, just a soundbar attached underneath.

I'd forgotten Karen's voice had so much expression in its tone, her personality and humour coming through. We talk easily, naturally and informally, communication blossoms.

Who do I thank? The team at Auditory Implant Service, Southampton University, the NHS for funding it, NHS Basingstoke and Salisbury hospitals, Marcel Geyer the surgeon, Dr Foot the audiologist, the Cochlear Corporation, my company AJM Healthcare for being so understanding. And whomever invented the Cochlear Implant!

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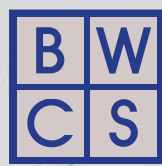
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War Horse Walk 2019

Saturday 24th August saw the inaugural holding of the War Horse Walk through Pamber Forest. Over 90 walkers completed the 5k walk starting from either the Beacon, Pamber Heath or the Plough Inn, Little London, the participants enjoyed a pleasant stroll while learning about the life of the forest at 10 information points. The dappled shade of the trees provided welcome respite from the glorious summer sun on an August bank holiday weekend. A truly friendly family feel was experienced by all as they chatted to others on the way. My thanks go to all those who took part and made this such a memorable event.

So far over £1100 has been collected and still counting. Thank you to those involved, I hope to see you all next year.

Special thanks must go to those that have supported the event from its concept. Terry and his clientele at the Plough Inn, Andrew for donating a barrel of War Horse Ale from the Little London Brewery as well as Englefield Estate, AWE, Sainsbury's Tadley and Pamber Parish Council. As a result, 100% of all money raised from the entrant fee and donations will be presented to the War Horse Memorial CIC, Ascot, organisers of the Purple Poppy appeal for Animals in Need.

The walk, to be held annually, is to remember the animals and humans who perished in the First World War. It is held between the two memorials installed by the Pamber Parish Council in 2018 as part of the 100-year celebrations. In the North is the War Memorial bench installed and dedicated on 11th November. In the South is Arthur the War Horse installed and dedicated on 23rd August 2018, now known as Purple Poppy Day.





Bert's Blog

During my holidays this year I had chance to closely examine one of the many small green jumping things that live around the lake. Each time I got my nose close enough to give it a good sniff it jumped away. This small creature has many attributes - the jumping ability was astounding - far better than mine. The noise it made was also akin to barking so I felt quite at home trying to make friends. First one would bark and then an answer would come back eventually starting a croaking chorus from around each side of the lake until it became quite deafening. I tried to participate but I don't think I spoke the same language and eventually the Mrs told me I was as mad as a box of frogs and should keep quiet from now on.

Not only could my new froggy friend jump and bark but his swimming prowess was amazing - no sooner had he jumped in the water than he had disappeared doing breast stroke - made my doggy paddle look pathetic! I was allowed to join him but I lost sight of him under the water as he shot off like a torpedo. I busied myself swimming around looking for him and was distracted by more splashing - I couldn't believe my eyes - the Mrs had joined me in the water and was splashing about, then her friend waded in and had a swim and then the Boss started paddling about in his dinghy! My private bath was getting a bit crowded so I jumped out and left them to it, I think some of my froggy friends did too!

Mr Mike Stewart (M.Ed)

Hello Readers.

It is with great pride that I introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of the Priory Primary School in Pamber End, having taken over from the incredibly dedicated Mrs Suzanne Kelly. I describe myself as busy father, husband and educationalist. Over the past twenty years I have forged a rewarding career that has included experience working in highly successful public and private schools in both the UK and the UAE. My former role was as Deputy Head of Dubai British School Jumeirah Park, which involved leading the learning of nearly 1000 primary pupils. I am a firm advocate for continuous professional development and as such have personally completed a Masters in Education and Leadership, as well as enhancing my knowledge of successful schools as a PENTA trained inspector through the British Schools in the Middle East.

As with any newly appointed Headteacher, my initial focus will be to ensure a smooth transition, with the Priory continuing to excel in all the areas that make it such a special place. However, my longer-term vision will be to work with the staff to develop and adopt a forward-thinking curriculum that instils our pupils with the skills, knowledge and talents that will allow them to flourish in an increasingly demanding and busy world. My overarching aim is for pupils to leave the Priory Primary School as happy, confident, globally-aware citizens who have a love for learning and the positive mentality that allows them to strive for success, yet to embrace and learn from their inevitable mistakes and failures. Equally, I hope to challenge



my staff to be creative and passionate leaders of learning, who are trusted and empowered to make the experiences of all of their students a rich and vibrant learning opportunity.

Whilst, my vision is very much about education that prepares our students for the future, I believe you forget the past at your peril. In my first days as Headteacher at the Priory Primary School, I was lucky enough to find records written back as far as 1914, these document the school's progress and development over the past one hundred and five years - from a small, three class, mixed age school serving the local villages to its current form as a successful single academy school open to a much wider community. Yet, what struck me was despite its growth, the school has maintained its quintessential identity that makes it so unique. As one member of the H.M Inspectorate (1963) documented "there is much honest effort by both the passionate staff and the hardworking children in this small rural community school". What Headteacher could ask for more?



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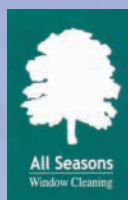
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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

We are now all happily settled back at school, with plenty to look forward to this term. A very warm welcome to the 17 new Year R children who have just started school, and to Mrs Harvey, who is our new Class 4 teacher.

Whilst the weather is still dry, we are continuing to make use of the Chute Playing field for PE in the Juniors; Miss Biles already has the new tag rugby team training for their league matches! The swimming programme has started with Class 4 going to the Aquadrome this half term – the other classes will follow during the year. We also hope for fine weather for our Autumn walks with the Infants, and for Class 3 to walk to the Vyne for the start of their year's work in partnership with the National Trust.

One of our key school values is 'Trust' and we reflect this by giving opportunities for the pupils to take on new responsibilities at the beginning of the school year. Each class has elected members to represent them on the School Council and contribute to issues concerning day to day school activities. A number of Year 6 children have been selected as School Ambassadors who are trusted to represent the school – for example, by showing visitors around. After a process of applications and interviews, cashiers for the Junior Newbury Building Society have been appointed and they will have a day's training from the Building Society staff before running the branch in school. All the Year 6 pupils are taking part in Playleader Training so that they will be able to run Huff and Puff activities

for younger children in the lunchtimes. Other roles include the Green Team, Librarians, lunchtime cover in the School Office and the School Sports Organising Crew.

This term, Class 4 are studying the Ancient Greeks, and will be travelling to Ufton Court to find out about their culture and lifestyle. In class, they will learn about Greek Myths and Legends, as well as having a go at designing making Greek pottery! Class 3 will be thinking about Superheroes, which will combine art and literacy in producing a comic strip. Key Stage 1 have an art-based topic called Sea My World, and they will be looking at life in the seas and oceans.

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Helpful Health Hints and Tips

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sense to have it done well before flu starts circulating.

- Having your child immunised as part of the childhood programme?

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- Worried about your blood pressure?

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Annette Taylor, Nurse Prescriber, The Clift Surgery

Women's Fellowship

The speaker at our September Harvest Tea meeting was Mr John Ledger, a long-term supporter of MAF, the Mission Aviation Fellowship, a Christian charity working all over the world in more than thirty developing countries; bring aid by light plane to isolated communities. Sometimes called the 'airline of the church', it seeks to bring physical and spiritual help to those in need. It was formed in 1945 at the end of WW2 by a couple of air force personnel. The first major flight in a small plane set off from Croydon airfield in 1948, heading for Nairobi, which was finally reached after a gruelling 27 days. The twin-engine Gemini aircraft then set off through Tanganyika (as it was then), Rwanda and the Congo and did three trips before crashing. One of the original pilots, Stuart King, is now in his late 90s and has seen the organisation grow from one plane to a total of 130 of various types, mainly made by Cessna, for use in different situations.

Pilot's wives hold radios so that if a sudden medevac emergency arises and

road access is not possible, a plane can be diverted to land on some small spot and pick up the casualty. The 300+ MAF staff are a mixture of ex-pats and locals and all are expected to raise their own salary from donations. They cover all sorts of skills and not all are pilots. There are several women pilots.

MAF is a practical organisation working in healthcare, disaster relief and on development projects, which includes working on Bible translation. In Bangladesh they had to use a float plane and in a two week safari they flew 300 operations. John showed us video footage which vividly illustrated some of the hair-raising places their planes have had to land in and also showed their work in major disasters such as the 2004 tsunami, the 2010 Haiti earthquake and the 2015 Nepal earthquake, where they had to hire helicopters to rescue people. Their development work covers such things as trying to increase crop yield, providing flat pack beehives so people can have better pollination and a crop to sell, drilling for clean water as lakes dry

up and providing quad bikes to improve mobility. In South Sudan they had to be in a stockade for safety but because there is no infrastructure they operate from over the border in Tanzania, reaching feeding stations in a six minute flight where a road trip would take five hours.

We were all given a form which would bring us information about MAF, but John explained that would only last a year if we did not respond. He told us that MAF UK needs £12m per year, all coming from donations. It does charge for emergencies on a sliding scale.

John answered a number of questions, including one on religious differences, which he said were seldom a problem, although in Mongolia the organisation is called Blue Sky Aviation. Mr Ledger was thanked for his enlightening talk by Mrs Jean Linford and we proceeded to enjoy our Harvest Tea provided by the committee. Next month we look forward to hearing from Julie Crawley on her recent trip 'Beyond Machu Picchu'. Visitors are always welcome.

SSJ Neighbourhood Watch

Our police contact and beat officer PCSO John Dullingham resigned about the end of July but the news reached me too late for September Villager. No replacement has yet been appointed in the meantime if we have any issues we have been asked to e.mail Basingstoke.Rural.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. I did just that and the Sergeant delegated to a most helpful lady PCSO to deal with.

Our plans to restart the scheme for Spring Close and the Severals was delayed by several factors beyond our control but we are now on course to start canvassing for members just after this Villager is published.

Unfortunately the restart of the Weybrook Court and Monk Sherborne Road Scheme has been delayed due to ill health, I cannot give a new start date at present.

Now that the new traffic features have been installed on A340 at West End we will put our signage up accordingly for the West End scheme.

We are always pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join any NHW schemes please call me on 850891

Ted Wilkinson



Divorce Recovery Workshop

Have you or someone you know experienced the breakdown of a marriage or significant relationship, either recently or some time ago? Then do please read on.

In such a break up, people often experience the pain of a bereaved person with often the addition of other negative emotions such as anger, bitterness, loss of confidence etc.

The Divorce Recovery Workshop is a registered charity and has been running in many locations nationally for over 25 years and twice a year in Basingstoke for over 20 years. Hundreds of people have been helped by attending the six 2 hour sessions.

A DVD relating to these topics is watched and then confidential discussion in small groups is facilitated by members of the team who have all experienced a relationship breakdown themselves and have found help by attending the workshop.

This is a self help workshop which enables people to have a better understanding of what they are experiencing. It provides support from others in the same situation and assists in the process of recovery and readjustment.

A successful workshop was held in May and these are some of the feedback comments in response to these questions.

How has workshop helped you?

"Has given me a different perspective. To reprocess events to see things differently"

"Learnt from other's situations"

"Questions answered in a safe place"

What change has occurred over duration of course

"Normality...I am not alone in this process"

"Acceptance of past is needed"

"That my past does not define me or my future"

What hope or goals do you now have for the future?

"To be happy on my own"

"Growth through separation. Dare I say excited about my future"

Any comments to help us improve workshop?

"None....it was brilliant"

The next workshop will be held over two full days on Saturday October 19th and 26th

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The Sherborne St John History Society



The Whistlers arrive in SSJ

Rex, Laurence and Hector Whistler were renowned artists in the last century. Their ancestors lived in the West End of the village for much of the 19th century.

Great-great-grandfather, John, spent his adult life in Aldermaston as a plumber and glazier in the early 1800s. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had 9 children of whom three sons followed him in his trade. Much of the work would have involved cutting and fitting lead sheet to roofs and windows. A head for heights was needed.

Laurence Whistler, in his biography of his brother Rex, wrote that John met his death following an accident when he fell off a ladder while glazing a window in Woolhampton. This was reported in the Reading Mercury, which described John as an industrious, sober man. Laurence added that the cause of the accident came to light some 40 years later *when the culprit lay dying and wanted to clear his conscience. As a boy he had taken the long, heavy ladder without permission during the dinner hour, and had let it fall. Too frightened to own up, he had replaced it against the wall of the house, as apparently sound.*

Son John (II) was twenty at this time and soon after the accident left home, probably moving to Tilehurst. He married Ann Cumber in 1828 and their first child, Ann, was born and baptised there. By 1829 they were in SSJ. It would be interesting to know what caused them to move to SSJ. John set himself up as a plumber, glazier and decorator and is listed in a trade directory of the time. He started doing work for William Lyde Wiggett Chute who had recently inherited The Vyne.



Reconstruction of a plumber's workshop at the Weald & Downland Museum

The Vyne and estate were in a poor condition at this time. Was John's arrival in the village fortuitous or did he know that Wiggett Chute was embarking on an ambitious programme of development?

John built the first part of his house and a workshop on land he acquired at the corner of Monk Sherborne Road, later called Whistlers Lane. Soon an extension was built to form the large semi-detached Wellington Villas. This was a high status house for SSJ, so John clearly had considerable talents.



John and Ann had two more children – John (III) born in 1830, and Henry. Both the boys learned their father's trade, but Henry eventually decided to go his own way – he moved to Silchester where he ran a grocer's shop and post office with his wife.

The Account book for repairs and building on the Vyne Estate shows entries for work done by Whistler for every year, the sums increasing substantially in the 1840s when much work was done on the house. Wiggett Chute recorded that Whistler painted the Hall in 1846, and his bill for this and other work was £567. John was probably helping his father with his work at The Vyne, which may have whetted his appetite for developing more decorative aspects of the business. He worked on stained glass windows and leaded lights, and also took up the new hobby of photography.

John III took up the new hobby of photography, and leaded lights. In the 1860s he went to London to learn the skill of 'graining', a technique of painting to produce a wood-grain effect. It was here that he met Sarah Ann Warhurst, whom he married in 1860 in Camden Town. He gave his occupation as 'grainer' on his marriage certificate.

John and Sarah Ann returned to SSJ after their marriage and moved into the left part of the villa, which had previously been let. The business continued to expand, so that by 1871 there were 14 men and 2 boys employed in building, decorating & plumbing local houses. At the same time they produced eight children, several of whom will be the subject of future articles

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Castles in the Air and Other Fantastic Inventions

Wacky, weird and wonderful are some of the thoughts that come to mind hearing about and viewing some of the inventions covered in an illustrated talk by Nick Brazil to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Of course all the inventions were from past ages but some had the germ of an idea that came to fruition and can be seen today. Although some inventions made it into production the vast majority got as far as the Patent Office and no further. Many offered labour saving as their main attraction such as the canine powered sewing machine where a dog ran on a turntable replacing the traditional treddle. And the dog powered turn spit saving servants the labour of continually rotating the carcase of meat over the fire. A type of dog was bred for this task and it is said Queen Victoria had two of them. The breed died out after the invention of different cooking equipment.

Multitasking is nothing new. What about the machine that was a combination baby rocker and butter churner which enabled the busy farmer's wife to also have free hands to continue with her knitting. Or the fresh air bed that had a large trumpet shape over the sleeping person that brought in fresh air from outside. The problem was that on waking and sitting up the person banged their head on the trumpet.



The sweat bed, designed to rid the occupant of a fever, had a boiler at its foot to heat up pipes under the mattress. The electric under blanket today offers the same result. And the swooning chair that provided some sort of recovery to ladies fainting in their tight corsets and clothing in the heat of an airless room. By sitting on a chair with a descending cushion it caused two paddles to fan the face of the distressed young lady.

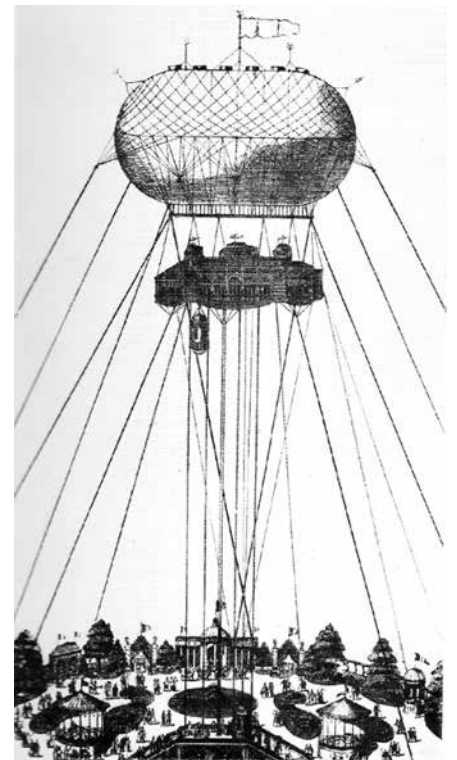
Talking of hot rooms there was the invention of a table railway that brought food to diners that overcame the need for servants to be skilled in the art of silver service. Similar ideas can be seen in several restaurants today.

Britain has always had variable weather conditions and the thought of being out in a thunder storm and being struck by lightning saw the invention of the lightning conductor umbrella. This had a tall aerial to attract the lightning and a wire to take the strike to ground. It was modified for some ladies' hats. Not to be outdone in the millenary department there was the portable umbrella built in to the hat which is something that keeps coming up these days. One idea in the not really successful category was the invention in the German army in Africa of a rain collecting hat complete with a small tap.

Aerial photography developed by using pigeons with a camera strapped to them. The picture was taken at a particular height caused by atmospheric pressure. Two photographs could be taken by strapping two small cameras to the pigeon. This was superseded in WW1 with early planes fitted with cameras for reconnaissance purposes. The Lumiere brothers in France developed a successful type of colour photography known as autochrome that only stopped in the 1950s.

Transport had many eccentric developments. The Danish Hunting Monocycle could travel at 24 mph and the American Monocycle beat that at 30 mph. The Dutch military Multi cycle in 1887 could transport twelve soldiers on one vehicle and for something completely left field was the Telegraph Wire Bicycle in 1890 which, as the name suggests, was suspended from telegraph wires rather than running on the ground.

And was there a castle in the air? There certainly was when at the Antwerp exhibition in 1894 the idea was promoted of using 150,000 cubic feet of lighter than air gas in a balloon to support the building of a town. Residents would ascend and descend using elevators. Naturally it was all hot air and it never saw the light of day.



For more information on the Probus Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their Secretary Jonathan Ratcliff on 07501 271547 for an informal chat.



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Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Agreements in sexual harassment and discrimination cases

The government plans to ban confidentiality clauses from being used to prevent individuals from disclosing information to the police, health professionals, lawyers and social workers. However, Non-Disclosure Agreements will still be lawful for legitimate reasons, for example to protect confidential information and trade secrets.

Redundancy protections of new parents and the introduction of neonatal leave

It is proposed that new and expectant mothers and employees who are adopting or taking shared parental leave will have legal protection against being made redundant for six months after they return to work.

It is proposed that this six-month rule should also apply to employees who inform their employer they are pregnant.

Phased return from sick leave

The government is finally proposing to shake up the Statutory Sick Pay system. As part of this process it is being proposed that employees who are returning to work after a period of sick leave will be entitled to enter into a flexible phased return to work.

The right to reasonable notice of work schedules and compensation for the cancellation of shifts

The government is consulting as to whether workers should be entitled to reasonable notice of their work schedule and is looking at introducing a penalty to employers who fail to provide adequate notice of this.

In addition, workers who suffer a cut in their shifts at short notice without warning could be entitled to compensation.

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There were 53 members at the meeting held on Wednesday 4 September who were welcomed by the chairman, David Cowling. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips and reminded those going on the River Trip, the Mystery Trip and the Christmas Lunch to return their menu choices as soon as possible. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her update on members who had not been well.

The speaker this month was Alan Copeland who gave the second part of his fascinating presentation on "Eccentric London". This time, backed up by a series of excellent photographs, he took us on a tour of Greater London

seeking out those places that the majority of us would never think to look for. Of the 24 places he visited some of the highlights were the Swaminarayan Hindu Temple in Neasden, Crystal Palace with its remnants and the Prehistoric Monster Trail, the unusual tomb of Sir Richard Burton the 19th Century explorer in Mortlake, the David Hartley monument in Putney, the Carreras Cigarette Factory in Camden and the many decorative shop fronts in Camden Town. He finished with the modern history of the late John Gladden's house in Norbury with its infamous additions such as a tank and his many altercations with Croydon Council. Full details of Alan's shows and pictures can be found at www.curiosities.co.uk.

The group's next outing is on Friday 11 October which is the Mystery Trip and includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea as well as a tour of the English countryside.

The next meeting is on 2 October when the speaker is Mel Rees on "My Family and other Meerkats – Part 2". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

EU Settlement Scheme

Local residents can get help and support on changes that may affect them following Brexit.

Supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley will be providing a new service to support residents in the borough affected by changes as a result of Brexit.

European citizens living in the UK are required to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021, with an estimated 7,000 people currently living in the borough needing to apply to the scheme.

Other support the charity will provide includes guidance on employment rights

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The new service forms part of the council's preparation work, alongside its partners, to look at the potential impacts and opportunities that Brexit may bring and ensure residents and businesses are prepared.

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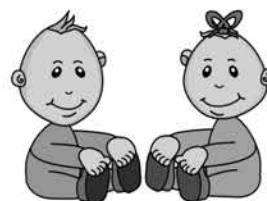
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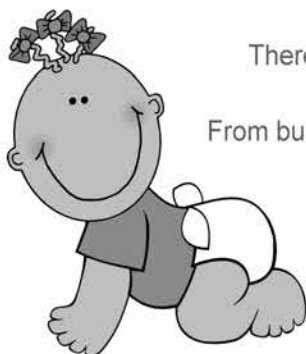


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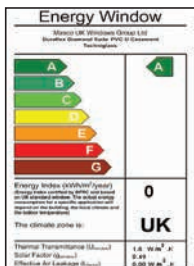
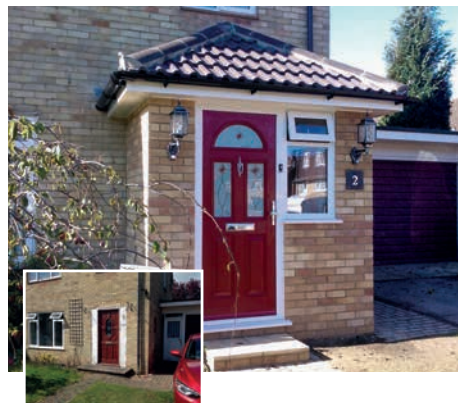
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